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In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 1742

Application No. 08/651,036

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For: **METHOD EMPLOYING UV LASER PULSES
OF VARIED ENERGY DENSITY TO FORM
DEPTHWISE SELF-LIMITING BLIND VIAS
IN MULTILAYERED TARGETS**

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Examiner: Gregory Mills

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Pursuant to their duty of disclosure, applicants enclose copies of the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. PTO-1449. Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/728,619 of Cutler et al., filed on October 10, 1996, entitled Multi-Tool Positioning System, which discloses two step via drilling employing different wavelengths.

1. This information disclosure statement is being submitted:

- a. Within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application or within three months of the date of entry of the national stage, or before the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. (No statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) is required.)
- b. After the period set forth in paragraph 1a, but before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance. (Check box i. or ii.)

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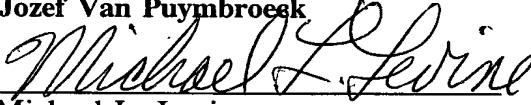
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- i. A \$240.00 information disclosure statement submission fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.
 - ii. A statement specified by 37 CFR 1.97(e) is set forth below.
- c. After the mailing date of a final action or notice of allowance and on or before payment of an issue fee. A statement specified by 37 CFR 1.97(e) is set forth below. A petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement and the \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) are enclosed.
2. Applicants set forth below concise explanations of the relevance of each document not in the English language and/or selected document(s) in the English language.

Applicants enclose English language translations of East German Publication No. 223326 and the German language document "Material bearbeitung durch Laserstrahl" that were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement with the continuing prosecution application on March 10, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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